

1-1 By: Fletcher, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Birdwell) H.B. No. 718
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 27, 2011;
1-3 May 2, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal
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1-5 Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 21, 2011, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the period in which a person commits the offense of
1-9 funeral service disruption.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 42.055(b), Penal Code, is amended to
1-12 read as follows:

1-13 (b) A person commits an offense if, during the period
1-14 beginning three hours [~~one hour~~] before the service begins and
1-15 ending three hours [~~one hour~~] after the service is completed, the
1-16 person engages in picketing within 1,000 feet of a facility or
1-17 cemetery being used for a funeral service.

1-18 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
1-19 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
1-20 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
1-21 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,
1-22 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
1-23 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the
1-24 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred
1-25 before that date.

1-26 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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